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Title : A Truss Structure, Structural Members Thereof, and a Method of Manufacture Therefor

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice dated August 5, 2005, applicant notes that the circles on Fig. 8 (a, b) are intended to schematically show the transitioning line from the round pipe section 12 to the flat section 11 in accordance with the attached replacement sheet.

Accordingly, applicant submits that all issues have now been addressed and requests expedition of the processing of this application to ensure issuance of Letters Patent as soon as possible.

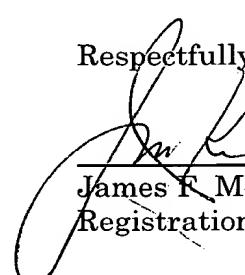
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037227.47565).

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement sheet